PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE*

RULE 5005. Filing and Transmittal of Papers

1	(a) FILING.
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3	(2) Filing by Electronic Means.
4	A court may by local rule permit or require
5	documents to be filed, signed, or verified by electronic
6	means that are consistent with technical standards, if
7	any, that the Judicial Conference of the United States
8	establishes. A document filed by electronic means in
9	compliance with a local rule constitutes a written paper
10	for the purpose of applying these rules, the Federal
11	Rules of Civil Procedure made applicable by these
12	rules, and § 107 of the Code.
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*New material is underlined; matter to be omitted is lined through.

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COMMITTEE NOTE

Amended Rule 5005(a)(2) acknowledges that many courts have required electronic filing by means of a standing order, procedures manual, or local rule. These local practices reflect the advantages that courts and most litigants realize from electronic filing. Courts requiring electronic filing recognize the need to make exceptions for parties who cannot easily file by electronic means, and often recognize the advantage of more general "good cause" exceptions. Experience with these local practices will facilitate gradual convergence on uniform exceptions, whether in local rules or an amended Rule 5005(a)(2).